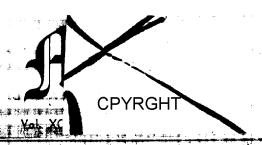
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U.S. Gambles That Khrushchev

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Star bing Tribune Company WASHINGTON - With he Berlin crisis acute and alk of nuclear war in the fr, one of America's top in-elligence officials has given n opinion which goes a long vay to explain why Presilent Eisenhower asks the naion not to be hysterical

It is a fair assumption hat the opinion given repreents a majority view of the resident's advisers.

This view is that the Soviet nion is not prepared to

bring on a nuclear war and wants a 15-year period of peace for the development of is economic, military and political strength.

THE ANALYSIS was submitted to a university group in columbia. S. C., by Robert Amory, Jr. deputy director for intelligence of the central intelligence agency (CIA), and one of director Allen W. Dulles' chief assistants.

Amory speech was reported locally in Columbia, but received little attention elsewhere, much to the surprise of tob officials of the THE ANALYSIS was sub-

prise of top officials of the CIA. Amory is also a mem-ber of the planning board of

headed by the President. The speech was Amory's first onthe-record talk in four years.

Amory said the Soviets "haven't got what it fakes rationally to challenge us this spring." According to Amory. Premier Nikita Khrushchev is not ready to risk a nuclear war over Berlin, but "expects

to'force us to chicken out." A year and half ago, Amory continued, a conclusion was reached in the Soviet Union that a 15-year period without -major hostilities was imperative to the nation's growth.

AT PRESENT, he said, the *Soviet economy is not mob-

llized for war or preparing for war, but is being built up vertically without an attempt to broaden the base.

"If the West is resolute," Amory was quoted, "then I

the Russians seek a rate of growth to produce an annual gross national product of

the national security council, 500 billion dollars - greater than the present United States level - and consumer standards compared to west ern Europe, with 100 billion to spend annually on armaments and external invest-

> "WE FACE a race for leadership in the world against militant Communists with fervent faith," Amory said.

> Perhaps by coincidence, Amory's speech was delivered on March 4, the same day Mr. Eisenhower told a press conference:

"I don't think we ought to be thinking all the time, every minute, that while we

are sitting here, we are going to - we are very apt to get a bombing attack on Washington. The reason we have very great and expensive intelligence forces is to keep us informed as well as they possibly can. So I don't believe we ought to be arguing points of this kind too much, because I believe we create more misapprehension than we do understanding.

Mr. Eisenhower's state ment suggested that he has accepted the kind of intelligence evaluation outlined by Amory,

IF THIS IS the case, Mr. Eisenhower's statement last week that nuclear war is not an impossibility seems less portentous than at first seemed to be the case.

The emphasis would be more strongly on his added statement that he could not see how anyone would be "senseless" enough to bring on a nuclear war, since neither side could win.

It is noted here that the President does not command the incisiveness and clarity of Secretary of State Dulles in the cold war debate, though apparently he has felt the need to be national spokesman during Dulles' illness.